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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 111 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/57/648.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 45th meeting, on 28 March 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/57/SR.45).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/57/L.62

3. At the 45th meeting, on 28 March, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain items" (A/C.5/57/L.62) and orally revised it by:

(a) Adding agenda item 118 (Human resources management) and the following documents: notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement (A/56/956) and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon (A/56/956/Add.1);

(b) Adding agenda item 122 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services) and the following document: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/57/488).

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4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/57/L.62, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Action taken on certain items

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, decides to defer until the second part of its resumed fifty-seventh session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Items 111 and 118
Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities;[1]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities;[2]

Item 112
Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;[3]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system";[4]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system";[5]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system.[6]

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[1] A/57/721.
[2] A/57/735.
[3] A/57/485.
[4] A/57/442.
[5] A/57/442/Add.1.
[6] A/57/434, paras.5-6.

Item 118
Human resources management

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement;[7]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement;[8]

Item 122
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[9]

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[7] A/56/956.
[8] A/56/956/Add.1.
[9] A/57/488.